PRESIDENT : The honourable member has made the question clear. He said that in the Registration Department certain contingencies occurred. If that question had been put along with the list of questions the honourable member would have consulted the Department concerned and a more satisfactory answer could have been facilitated.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether No. 1 in the order of merit is out of service ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : If the member refers to the first selective test for English speaking clerks on Rs. 20 in various departments, the first selected candidate is now out of service, I believe, as I have received about four petitions from them to this effect.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether the honourable member is aware that candidates are recruited first as a Police Constable then as a teacher and on the third occasion as a hotel server ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : It is quite possible in cases where the minimum qualification is the same.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Sir, I wish to know whether there are actually cases where teachers have been made to act as Sub-Registrars ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : I am not aware of any specific instance.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether, at present, a candidate has to wait without any employment for years sometimes after once getting an acting appointment ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : It is quite possible that a candidate may be appointed for a short vacancy, and not be reappointed for a year or perhaps two years.

Staff in the office of the Public Service Commissioner.

275. ✻**MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN :** With reference to the office of the Public Service Commissioner, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Public Service Commissioner has written to them that the present staff in his office is insufficient and that more hands have to be entertained ;

(*b*) if so, whether permission has been given to entertain more hands ; and

(*c*) if not, the reason therefor ?

DR. G. D. NOKES : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise, in view of the answer to Part (*b*) of the interpellation.

Appendix I

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 254**

The amount spent for the maintenance of Karavila channel during the years 1109, 1110, 1111 and 1112.

year.	*Amount.* Rs.	Ch.	C.
1109 ...	201	17	13
1110 ...	407	0	12
1111 ...	536	12	14
1112 ...	311	23	0

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